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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WB

SUBJECT: RUMORS OF BERLIN CDU-SPD COALITION

REF: USBERLIN 134

1. STERN MAGAZINE JAN 23 REPORTED THAT BERLIN SPD IS  
CONSIDERING FORMING GRAND COALITION WITH CDU IN EVENT  
SOCIALISTS DO NOT RECEIVE MAJORITY IN MARCH 2 ELECTIONS.

2. GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ DENIED STERN REPORT ON JANUARY 24  
WHEN HE TOLD SPD PARTY MEETING THERE WOULD BE NO GRAND  
COALITION IN VIEW OF CDU'S FAILURE OVER 4 YEARS TO  
MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO CITY. SPD FRAKTION  
CHAIRMAN HAUS ALSO REJECTED GRAND COALITION IDEA.  
HOWEVER, CDU LEADER LORENZ SAID GRAND COALITION WAS

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"NOT OUT OF QUESTION".

3. MISOFF ASKED SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ AND  
DIRECTOR OF SENAT PRESS OFFICE STRUVE ON SEPARATE  
OCCASIONS (JAN 24 AND 27 RESPECTIVELY) ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR GRAND  
COALITION. BOTH CATETGORICALLY DENIED  
THAT SPD CONTEMPLATED SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND STRUVE CALLED  
STERN REPORT "ABSOLUTE RUBBISH".  
(STRUVE IS PROBABLY CLOSER TO GOVMAYOR  
SCHUETZ THAN ANYONE ELSE IN BERLIN ADMINISTRATION.)

4. COMMENT: MANY CONSERVATIVE SPD LEADERS HAVE  
PRIVATELY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR GRAND COALITION  
BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY CAN GOVERN EFFECTIVELY WITH  
LORENZ-LED CDU BUT NOT WITH LEFT-LEARNING BERLIN FDP.  
SOME JOURNALISTS ALSO CLAIM THAT SCHUETZ HIMSELF  
WOULD PREFER GRAND COALITION. RECOGNIZING THAT SCHMIDT  
AND THE NATIONAL SPD MIGHT HAVE REASONS FOR ENTER-  
TAINING IDEA OF GRAND COALITION IN BERLIN, WE ARE  
INCLINED NEVERTHELESS TO ACCEPT CATEGORICAL DENIALS  
OF BERLIN SPD LEADERSHIP REPORTED ABOVE. LIKELIIHOOD  
THEREFORE REMAINS THAT FOLLOWING MARCH 2 ELECTIONS, SPD WILL BE  
SEEKING COALITION WITH FDP (REFTEL)GEORGE

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